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Marshal's Minute-State Fire Marshal Matt Perez



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This program is an innovative approach to a problem that has long caused difficulties for fire departments and not-for profit ambulance services in Illinois, particularly those that have hardships in generating the necessary revenue for small equipment. The purpose is to allow eligible applicants the opportunity to purchase small equipment that they may

otherwise not be able to purchase. The OSFM received 373 applications, requesting around \$8.4 million in funding for this grant period.

Funding provided from our Small Equipment Grant Program is a huge benefit, especially to our rural volunteer departments in the state. These funds allow departments to purchase important equipment their firefighters/EMT's need to work more effectively and safely while protecting the lives and property of their community members. I am proud that we are able to continue this program with the support from the Governor and legislators.

I want to encourage everyone who applies for these grants to ensure that you have the appropriate signatures and other required areas of the application filled out correctly. We are always willing to help and provide answers to any questions. Also, please make sure your NIFRS reports are updated. Noncompliance in this area can not only disqualify you from receiving a grant from our office, but it can also prevent you from receiving a federal grant. A complete list of recipients can be found on pages 4-7.

In April our partners at the Illinois CRR Taskforce were instrumental in helping secure a donation of 1,000 smoke alarms from vision 20/20. That is \$25,000 dollars' worth of live saving smoke alarms that will be distributed and installed across the state helping to provide protection. We are committed to helping make communities safer by providing resources to local fire departments and encouraging them to engage their community members through the "Be Alarmed!" or similar fire prevention programs. It's simple, working smoke alarms save lives! It's important to test and inspect your smoke alarms monthly. The partnership with IFSA through "Be Alarmed!" has been huge success. The additional alarms provided by funds from Vision 20/20 will help to expand our outreach and mission of the program, while saving lives in Illinois. To learn more about the "Be Alarmed!" program or how your department can become a part of it, visit <https://www.ifsa.org/alarms>.

Employee Spotlight

Dana Duke

PS&E/Fire Service Outreach

Where are you originally from? Born and raised in the Springfield area. Grew up in Rochester, lived in rural New Berlin for 15 years and now back in Springfield.

Tell us about your family? I have 3 children: Morgan is 27 years old and lives in San Francisco and has her Masters in Social Work. My twin boys, Ben and Sam, are 23 years old. Sam is living and working at Frito-Lay in Springfield and Ben recently graduated from SIUE, Mechanical Engineering, and is currently job hunting in the STL area.

Favorite food(s)? I don't have an absolute favorite but I like Mediterranean and Middle Eastern food-foods with lots of spice and flavor! But I also enjoy a good ole' American hamburger and fries!

Hobbies? I love to garden and travel. I've also taught Group Fitness classes at local gyms over 30 years. I currently teach five classes a week of Cycle and/or Weight classes at YMCA and LA Fitness.

What's your favorite movie or book? My favorite books have been autobiographies, Eleanor Roosevelt was a great one. I rarely read "books" anymore, as I prefer to listen to podcasts-my favorites are related to Healthy Living and History.

When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers? Music has shaped different segments of my life. In high school it was Journey, REO, Styx, raising my family it was Contemporary Christian, and now I've mellowed even more to R&B and Folk Pop. Spotify takes me all over the place.

What did you want to be when you were a kid? Well...I wanted to be an Astronomer-but lacked the intellect! LOL 😊

What's your favorite part of the job? I love working with and helping people. Giving back to the fire community really enthuses me. Lots I'd like to do!

What's something unique about you? I'm tenacious and have learned that even if slow to the gate, to keep pressing forward. And I've learned in life and business, that kindness counts, and people respond and communicate in kind when they're treated respectfully.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? Anywhere with white sand, turquoise ocean and tropical drinks with an umbrella in it!

Where is your bucket list destination? Greek Isles/Mediterranean, anywhere in Europe, Israel, Bora Bora, Seychelle Islands, the list goes on and on...

Small Equipment Grant Recipients

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Congratulations to this year's recipients:

Adams:

Loraine Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Ursa Fire Protection District- \$17,165

Alexander:

Tamms Volunteer Fire Department- \$26,000

Bond:

Mulberry Grove Fire Protection District-

\$25,645.68

Bureau:

Bureau Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Cherry Fire Protection District- \$22,909.05

Calhoun:

North Calhoun Fire Protection District-

\$25,011

Carroll:

Savanna Fire Department- \$25,320

Champaign:

Ivesdale Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Ludlow Fire Protection District- \$25,466.28

Pesotum Fire Protection District- \$24,722.25

Sadorus Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Clark:

West Union Community Fire Protection

District- \$25,888

Clinton:

Germantown Rural Fire Protection District-

\$15,625

Huey Ferrin Boulder Fire Protection District-

\$26,000

Santa Fe Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Coles:

Wabash Fire Protection District- \$21,539

Cook:

Blue Island Fire Department- \$25,898

Central Stickney Fire Protection District-

\$25,750

Rosemont Public Safety- \$26,000

Dekalb:

Shabbona Community Fire Protection District-

\$19,546.17

DeWitt:

Clinton Fire & Rescue- \$24,770

Small Equipment Grant Recipients**Douglas:**

Newman Community Fire Protection District-
\$12,688.02

DuPage:

Bensenville Fire Protection District- \$26,000
Village of Villa Park- \$20,550

Edgar:

Chrisman Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Effingham:

Tri-County Fire Protection District- \$25,566

Fayette:

St. Peter Fire Protection District- \$24,630

Ford:

Roberts Melvin Fire Protection District-
\$26,000

Franklin:

City of Zeigler Fire Department- \$26,000

Fulton:

Farmington Fire Protection District- \$26,000
Lewistown Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Gallatin:

Shawneetown Fire Department- \$26,000
Village of Omaha Fire Department-
\$24,293.52

Greene:

Carrolton Fire Protection District- \$19,900

Grundy:

Mazon Fire Protection District- \$25,905
South Wilmington Volunteer Fire
Department- \$26,000

Henry:

Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection
District- \$19,546.17
Galva Fire Department- \$25,100
Kewanee Community Fire Protection District-
\$26,000

Iroquois:

Crescent Iroquois Fire Department- \$26,000

Jackson:

Dowell Volunteer Fire Department- \$26,000

Jefferson:

Waltonville Fire Protection District-
\$25,591.05
Webber Township Fire Protection District-
\$25,996.87

Kane:

Village of Carpentersville Fire Department-
\$10,056

Kankakee:

City of Kankakee Fire Department- \$26,000
Salina Township Fire Protection District-
\$25,412

Knox:

East Galesburg Volunteer Fire Department-
\$25,828
Elba Salem Fire Protection District- \$26,000
Maquon Fire Protection District- \$16,737.08

Small Equipment Grant Recipients

LaSalle:

Naplate Fire Department- \$25,980

LaSalle/Livingston:

Reading Township Volunteer Fire Department- \$25,820

Lee:

Paw Paw Community Fire Protection District- \$20,000

Livingston:

Dwight EMS- \$17,638

Logan:

New Holland Fire Protection District- \$20,576

Macon:

Blue Mound Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Macoupin:

Staunton Area Ambulance Service- \$16,732.48

Madison:

Hamel Community Fire Protection District- \$22,665.70

Marine Community Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Meadowbrook Fire Department- \$19,546.16

Marion:

Iuka Fire Protection District- \$24,310

Odin Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Mason:

Bath Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Easton Rural Fire Protection District- \$19,800

Massac:

Joppa Fire Department- \$26,000

Massac County Fire Protection District- \$26,000

McDonough:

Industry Fire Protection District- \$24,134

New Salem Fire Protection District- \$23,475

McLean:

Lexington Community Fire Protection District- \$25,575

Monroe:

Maestown Rural Fire Protection District- \$25,575

Montgomery:

Coffeen Fire Protection District- \$25,560

Moultrie:

Bethany Fire Protection District- \$19,000

Ogle:

Rochelle Fire Department- \$24,000

Stillman Fire Protection District- \$25,764

Peoria:

Logan-Trivoli Fire Protection District- \$12,990

Perry:

Tamara Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Piatt:

DeLand Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Northern Piatt County Fire Protection District- \$16,500

Small Equipment Grant Recipients**Pike:**

Baylis Fire Protection District- \$23,525
Griggsville Fire Department- \$25,372
Hull-Kinderhook Fire Department- \$26,000
Spring Creek Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Pope:

Rural Pope County Fire Protection District-
\$25,719

Pulaski:

Mound City Fire Department- \$26,000
Mounds Fire Department- \$19,158.41

Putnam:

Standard Fire Protection District- \$26,000

Randolph:

Baldwin Community Fire Protection District-
\$22,771

Saline:

Village of Carrier Mills Fire Department-
\$26,000

Sangamon:

New Berlin-Island Grove Fire Protection
District- \$25,082

Schuyler:

Hickory-Kerton Fire Protection District-
\$18,526

St. Clair:

Church Road Fire Protection District-
\$25,908.56
Midway Fire Protection District- \$26,000
Millstadt Fire Protection District- \$26,000
Prairie Du Pont Fire Protection District-
\$25,825.25
St. Libory Fire Department- \$25,100

Tazewell:

Armington Community Fire Protection
District- \$22,850

Union:

Alto Pass Fire Protection District- \$26,000.
Dongola Fire Department- \$25,962.36

Wabash:

Mt. Carmel Fire Department- \$25,160.01

Wayne:

Wayne Fire Protection District #1-
\$21,628.93

White:

Village of Crossville- \$15,300

Will:

Custer Fire Protection District- \$25,120
Frankfort Fire Protection District- \$24,295
Steger Estates Fire Protection District-
\$26,000



“Be Alarmed!” Smoke Alarm Donation

Pictured Left to Right: Phil Zaleski – IFSA Executive Director, Greg Hay- OSFM Fire Service Outreach Coordinator, Marsha Geisler- Illinois CRR Taskforce Project Manager, and Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) received a donation of 1,000 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms from Vision 20/20 for the “Be Alarmed!” Smoke Alarm Program. Vision 20/20 partners with organizations and experts to drive Community Risk Reduction across all levels of the fire and emergency services. They help to identify gaps, evaluate and apply data-driven strategies and resources, and provide guidance in implementing adaptive measures to reduce fire and other risks. This grant through vision 20/20 provided the program with \$25,000 dollars’ worth of live saving smoke alarms that will help protect Illinois residents. The State of Illinois CRR Taskforce helped facilitate this donation between Vision 20/20 and the “Be Alarmed!” Program. The OSFM and IFSA are active members of the taskforce which operates under the umbrella of Vision 20/20.



PS&E Outreach



As of April 5th, the OSFM's Division of Personnel Standards and Education (PS&E) has reached 182 fire departments in Illinois through our OSFM Vector Solutions outreach training. This does not include all the departments we have reached through our regular visits and reviews.

With this free new tool all Illinois fire departments and firefighters can easily track their training hours, resulting in a reduction in recordkeeping errors, paperwork duplication, and time spent manually tracking required certifications and recertifications.

In addition to simplifying your training tracking, OSFM will use this tool to provide communications to departments and firefighters statewide, including information on the latest certification and recertification requirements, the most current news from OSFM, and additional materials as needed. All important information you don't want to miss!

You can visit our website: sfm.illinois.gov to learn where the next outreach training will be near you. If you have any questions, you can always reach out to the division.

National Telecommunicators Week**NATIONAL
PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**

April 10th-16th was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The OSFM thanks the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance. These individuals are truly the “first” responders.

Every year during the second week of April, the telecommunications personnel in the public safety community, are honored. This week-long event, initially set up in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California, is a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public. It is a week that should be set aside so everyone can be made aware of their hard work and dedication.



**National Public Safety
Telecommunicators Week
April 10-16, 2022**



What to do when you call 9-1-1

When you call 9-1-1 it's typically during a time of emergency or a high stress situation. Remember, take a deep breath, and answer all the questions the emergency telecommunicator is asking. Take a few minutes and talk to your kids and teach them what to do if they need to call 9-1-1. Make sure they know their address and insure them that they can trust the person on the other end of the phone who is there to help them.

Keep these tips in mind below and know that help is on the way!



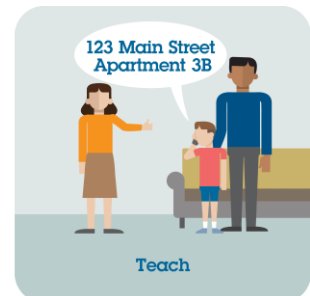
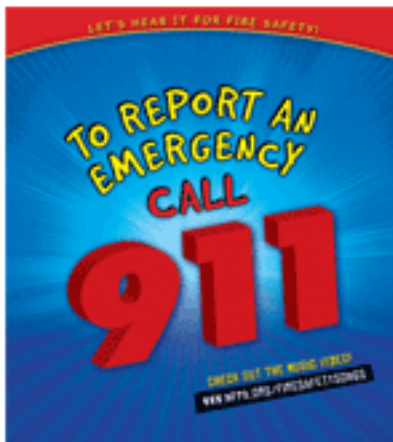
What to Say if You Have to Call 911

- ✓ **Provide the location** of the emergency (street address and cross street and/or name of public building).
- ✓ **Describe the nature of the emergency**, so the dispatcher knows whether to send police, fire, and/or EMS; if a weapon is involved, describe it.
- ✓ **Provide as much information about the person(s)** requiring assistance: name, height, weight, sex, race, description of clothing.
- ✓ **Stay on the phone**, if the 911 dispatcher requests you to, in order to gather more information and to provide you with guidance until help arrives.

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Others In Times of Stress

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YFSI- Calumet City Class

Youth Firesetter Intervention Class

The Calumet City Fire Department is pleased to announce they will be hosting a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program class for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Here is the training information:

Date & Time: Thursday, June 2, and Friday, June 3, 2022

Monday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Place: Calumet City Fire Department
Training Center
24 State Street
Calumet City, IL 60409

If you would like to register for this training, please click here

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Events/Pages/Calumet-City-Youth-Firesetter-Intervention-Class.aspx>

This class is limited to **25** due to the current COVID-19 distancing safety measures.

There is a fee of \$100 per student for this class. Please make the check payable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and mail it to the Office, prior to the training date.

Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal
Arson Division – YFSIP
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

For further information, please feel free to call me at (217) 415-7206, or email me Simony.Weyforth@illinois.gov.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Calumet City!

Simony Weyforth
Youth Fire Setter Program Coordinator



YFSI- Charleston Class

Youth Firesetter Intervention Class

The Charleston Fire Department is pleased to announce they will be hosting a Youth Firesetter Intervention Program class for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Here is the training information:

Date & Time: Wednesday, September 14, and Thursday, September 15, 2022

Wednesday: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Place: Charleston Police & Fire Training Facility
1251 W. Madison
Charleston, IL 61920

If you would like to register for this training, please click here:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/Events/Pages/Youth-Firesetter-Interventionist-Class-Charleston.aspx>

This class is limited to 20 due to the current COVID-19 distancing safety measures.

There is a fee of \$100 per student for this class. Please make the check payable to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and mail it to the Office, prior to the training date.

Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal
Arson Division – YFSIP
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

For further information, please feel free to call me at (217) 415-7206, or email me Simony.Weyforth@illinois.gov.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Charleston!

Simony Weyforth
Youth Fire Setter Program Coordinator



Normal Pyro-Fireworks Training



**OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS
STATE FIRE MARSHAL**



Pyrotechnic-Fireworks Training for Code Officials

May 17, 2022 9:00 AM -- 3:00 PM

Normal Fire Department - 606 South Main St. Normal, IL

The Office of the State Fire Marshal and J&M Displays will provide a day long training program for fireworks, pyrotechnics and special effects for the **Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Code Officials & Venue Managers**. Product display demonstration is included.

Training includes a review of State and Federal regulations including: IDNR, OSFM, ATF, DOT, OSHA, CPSC, NFPA standards and industry best practices.

Morning Session: **Retail Sales and Outdoor Professional Displays**

Consumer (1.4G) Fireworks Retail Sales

Commonly referred to as "backyard" fireworks sold at retail outlets year-round and roadside stands.

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| * NFPA 1124 Retail Sales | * Warehouse/Storage | * Illinois Rules for Retail Sales |
| * Products & Packaging | * Fireworks Emergencies | * Novelties |

Professional Display (1.3G) Fireworks

Products used by professional fireworks display companies & typically discharged for community events.

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| * Types of Displays | * NFPA 1123 Overview | * Safety Equipment & Set-Ups |
| * Display Site Venues | * Fallout Zones & Weather | * Emergency Response Guidance |
| * License and Permits | * Illegal Sale, Use, & Storage | * Transportation |

Afternoon Session: **Indoor, Proximate Audience, Flame and Special Effects**

Proximate Pyrotechnics and Flame Effects (Outdoor & Indoor)

Permit and compliance requirements for products and effects in the entertainment industry at indoor venues theatres, concerts, arenas or outdoor venues stadiums, amphitheaters, roof tops) where the audience or performers are within 75 feet.

This training meets the OSFM rules for AHJ's that issue permits for indoor and proximate pyrotechnics.

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| * NFPA 1126 & 160 Overview | * Storage Requirements | * Fire Detection |
| * Pre & Post Show Planning | * Types of Devices | * Life Safety Systems |
| * Safety Requirements | * APA Proximate Pyro. Check-list | * Illinois Licensing and Permit Rules |

**There is no charge for this training program. Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance.
Lunch - on your own**

For more information or registration, please contact:

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Lisa Falica, Office of the State Fire Marshal

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Rockford Pyro-Fireworks Training



**OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS
STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

Pyrotechnic-Fireworks Training for Code Officials

**May 25, 2022 9:00 AM -- Noon
Rockford Fire Department Station #3
888 Marchesano Dr., Rockford, IL 61102**

The Office of the State Fire Marshal will provide a day long training program for fireworks, pyrotechnics and special effects for the **Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Code Officials & Fireworks Venue Managers**.

Training includes a review of State and Federal regulations including: IDNR, OSFM, ATF, DOT, OSHA, CPSC, NFPA standards and industry best practices.

Consumer (1.4G) Fireworks Retail Sales

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Proximate Pyrotechnics and Flame Effects (Outdoor & Indoor)

Introductory presentation and information related to indoor, stage, theater, stadium, and other live entertainment special effects and venues. Overview of NFPA 1126 & 160 as well as Illinois Licensing and Permit Rules for Indoor Displays.

There is no charge for this training program. Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

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Hoffman Estates Pyro-Fireworks Training



**OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS
STATE FIRE MARSHAL**



Pyrotechnic-Fireworks Training for Code Officials

June 7, 2022 9:00 AM -- 3:00 PM

NOW Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy, Hoffman Estates, IL

The Office of the State Fire Marshal and Gateway Fireworks Displays will provide a day long training program for fireworks, pyrotechnics and special effects for the **Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Code Officials & Venue Managers**. Product display demonstration is included.

Training includes a review of State and Federal regulations including: IDNR, OSFM, ATF, DOT, OSHA, CPSC, NFPA standards and industry best practices.

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Wilmington Pyro-Fireworks Training



**OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS
STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

Pyrotechnic-Fireworks Training for Code Officials

June 8, 2022 9:00 AM -- Noon

Wilmington Fire Protection District Station #2
29745 Elion Blvd., Wilmington, IL 60481

The Office of the State Fire Marshal will provide a day long training program for fireworks, pyrotechnics and special effects for the **Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Code Officials & Fireworks Venue Managers**.

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Pyro-Fireworks Training-Registration Form

Registration Form
Pyrotechnic-Fireworks Training for Code Officials

Please indicate the session (morning and/or afternoon) you wish to attend.

- ☐ **May 17, 2022, Normal Fire Department**
606 South Main St., Normal, IL 61761
☐ Morning Session
☐ Afternoon Session
- ☐ **May 25, 2022, Rockford Fire Department Station #3**
888 Marchesano Dr., Rockford, IL 61102
☐ Morning Session Only (9:00 am till Noon)
- ☐ **June 7, 2022, NOW Arena**
5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy., Hoffman Estates, IL 60192
☐ Morning Session
☐ Afternoon Session
- ☐ **June 8, 2022, Wilmington Fire Protection District Station #2**
29745 Elion Blvd., Wilmington, IL 60481
☐ Morning Session Only (9:00 am till Noon)

8:30 AM Doors open – check-in
9:00 AM Morning session (*Retail Sales and Outdoor Professional Displays*)
11:30 AM-12:30 PM Lunch – on your own (lots of local options)
12:30 PM Afternoon session (*Indoor, Proximate Audience, Flame and Special Effects*)

Please register all individuals separately (certificates will be provided).

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Email your registration form to: Lisa.S.Falica@Illinois.gov

Agency Contacts: Bob Wetzel (217) 558.0328 Robert.Wetzel@illinois.gov
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Distracted Driving Awareness Month

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN MULTITASK?

Your brain can't process two things at once. It switches attention from one task to another.

Did I remember to feed the dog?

96% of people think texting while driving is dangerous – yet 44% do it.

Dangerous even when sitting at red lights or stop signs because it takes your brain some time to return its focus to the road.

Voice-to-text is not safer – it may distract you longer than texting.

No! Cancel! Sending text to Amore Pizza

Send text to Aunt Lisa

Nothing is more important than getting to your destination safely. Use your phone and other technology only when you are safely parked.

JustDrive

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Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

Drivers on cell phones see just a fraction of their driving environment.



True for both handheld and hands-free use.

Keep your attention where it belongs – on the road.

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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. In 2020, distracted driving killed 3,142 people. Young drivers seem more prone to using their phones while driving. According to NHTSA research from 2017, drivers 16 to 24 years old have been observed using handheld electronic devices while driving at higher rates than older drivers have since 2007. But make no mistake: It isn't just young people who are driving distracted, since drivers in other age groups don't lag far behind.

The Just Drive Pledge:

I pledge to Just Drive for my own safety and for others with whom I share the roads. I choose to not drive distracted in any way – I will not:

- Have a phone or text conversation – handheld, hands-free, or via Bluetooth
- Use voice-to-text features in my vehicle's dashboard system
- Use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube or other social media
- Check or send emails
- Take photos (including selfies) or film videos
- Input destinations into GPS (while the vehicle is in motion)
- Call or message someone else when I know they are driving

IFSI Minute

AN UPDATE FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE

The IFSI Team has been very busy this spring. In mid-April, we wrapped up the Spring Fire Academy and had the pleasure of officially welcoming forty-six new professionals to the Illinois fire service. We congratulate the class on their hard work and dedication while completing the seven-week resident program.



SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS:

Registration for the 2022 summer training events is open!

98th Annual Fire College – June 3-5 **19th Annual Explorer Cadet Fire School – June 9-12**

We are excited to offer these two annual events on grounds in Champaign this June. Complete course listing and program details are available at: fsi.illinois.edu

BASIC OPERATIONS FIREFIGHTER (BOF) BLENDED

IFSI recently released the four training locations for the late summer/early fall 2022 Basic Operations Firefighter (BOF) Blended delivery. Students will be able to complete this no cost training program in: Charleston, Carbondale, Cherry Valley, or Quincy. Complete program details are available at: fsi.illinois.edu.

FALL 2022
ORIENTATION DATE:
AUGUST 6

BASIC
BOF
OPERATIONS FIREFIGHTER

UNIQUE, FLEXIBLE TRAINING LEADING TO CERTIFICATION

4 Practical Sites: Carbondale Charleston Cherry Valley Quincy	NO COST TRAINING to Students or Departments	18 WEEK PROGRAM featuring 9 Weekend Practical Sessions and Online Learning	9 WEEKEND PRACTICAL DATES: 8/27-8/28 9/12-9/13 & 9/24-9/25 10/8-10/9 & 10/22-10/23 11/5-11/6 & 11/19-11/20 12/3-12/4 & 12/17-12/18
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Know the Dangers of Smoke

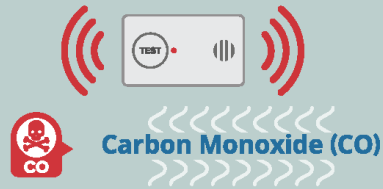
Know the Dangers of Smoke

Did you know smoke is poisonous? It kills more people in home fires than flames.



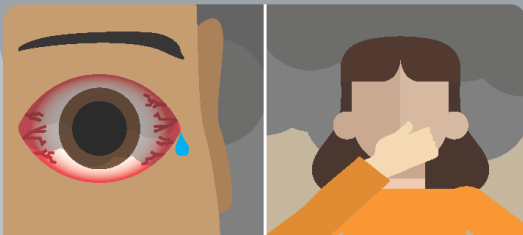
Today, our homes are filled with human-made materials like plastic and compressed particle board.

These products burn quicker and give you less time to escape.



The most common poison in smoke is carbon monoxide (CO).

CO can make you feel drowsy, and difficult to wake up and get out of your home.



Smoke is hot!

It can irritate your eyes and throat, and make it difficult for you to breathe.

This happens even if you are far from the fire.



Thick black smoke can fill your home in a few minutes and make the inside completely dark.

It can travel through hallways, doors, ductwork, and cracks and openings in a building's walls and floors.

If you see smoke, don't wait! Get out right away!



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National Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer Month recognizing all those who give their time and energy during National Volunteer Month. In the United States, volunteerism is instilled at a young age. In many parts of the country, it is the cornerstone of summer vacation or woven into after school programs. Most organizations in small towns, rural counties and the largest cities would not function without volunteers. In some families, the baton of volunteerism is handed down generation after generation.

In Illinois, around 70% of the fire service is volunteer. The OSFM thanks all the volunteer firefighters, paramedics and EMT's who serve and protect their communities. Thanks for all that you do! If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT visit: <https://makemeafirefighter.org/> or talk to the department in your community.



Safe Place Selfie



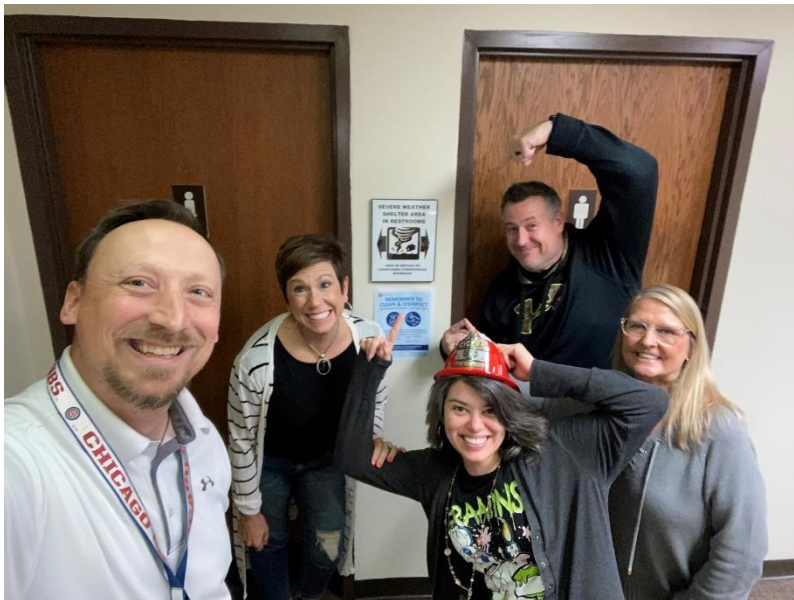
#SafePlaceSelfie
Join us on April 6, 2022

Find safe places from tornadoes, floods, lightning, heat, tsunamis, and other hazards!

- Learn the weather hazards that happen in your area!
- Find locations that will keep you safe and take selfies!
- On April 6, post your photos using **#SafePlaceSelfie!**

weather.gov/SafePlaceSelfie 

April 6th is #SafePlaceSelfie Day. Safe Place Selfie Day started in 2016 as a social media campaign by the National Weather Service and NOAA to encourage more people to know where their safe place would be during hazardous weather. The OSFM participated again this year with staff identifying our safe place during a storm.



Hazard	Safe Place
Extreme Cold	Indoors with the heat on (or safely operated generators, not candles)
Extreme Heat	Indoors with the AC on // If outdoors, find shade and drink plenty of water
Flash floods	Indoors (not basement/lowest level), higher ground // Avoid flooded roadways
Lightning	An enclosed building away from plumbing & plugged in electronics A hard-topped vehicle with the windows up
Wind	In a sturdy building, away from trees // Interior room away from windows
Tornadoes	Tornado Storm Shelter or FEMA Safe Room Basement or sturdy interior room, away from windows
Tsunamis	Official evacuation zones // Farther inland // Higher floors in well-constructed buildings

#SafePlaceSelfie
NOAA

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Earth Day

Earth Day was Friday, April 22nd. The day marks the start of the environmental movement in 1970, and for the past 52 years has resulted in policy change and a greater awareness of the environment. Electrical vehicles are becoming a very popular alternative. Charging these vehicles at home requires some changes in the garage. Keep these electrical safety tips in mind if you own an electric vehicle.


CONNECTED to SAFETY

Understanding Electric Vehicles


Are you thinking about purchasing, or have you recently purchased an **electric vehicle**? Learn about the different charging options you have and how to **charge your electric vehicle safely**.

HOME CHARGING EVSE


Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment



Before using a charger, ensure the equipment has been listed by a **Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL)**.




Have a **qualified electrician** inspect your home to ensure your electrical system can handle charging.




Ensure both the **charger** and **charging cord** do not have **damage** before use.

LEVEL 1 EVSE CHARGING


Provides charging through a **standard household plug**. 2-5 miles of range per hour.



Ensure your charger or receptacle has **GFCI protection** to prevent accidental shocks and electrocution.




Ensure you are using a **dedicated circuit** to charge your vehicle. The circuit should not provide power to any other appliance.




Use a **manufacturer provided** charging cord.

LEVEL 2 EVSE CHARGING


Provides charging through **specialized 240v charging equipment**. 10 – 60 miles of range per hour.




Must be installed by a **qualified electrician**.




May require an **electrical service upgrade** to install.



Only use **outdoor rated** charging stations outdoors.






Ensure the charging station **cannot come in contact** with the electric vehicle.



Keep the **charging cable off the floor** to avoid tripping hazards and maintain the life of the cord.


WARNING

-  Electric vehicles have **high voltage** batteries
-  All maintenance should be **completed by the manufacturer**
-  Avoid contact with **high-voltage orange cables**

LEVEL 3 EVSE CHARGING

Fastest charging option. **Not available** for residential installation.

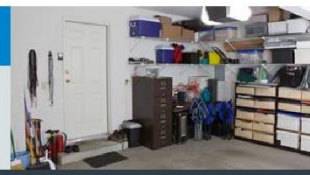
Please **share** this **free** resource to save lives



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Prevent Garage Fires

Prevent Home Garage Fires



Did you know?

Garage fires tend to spread farther and cause more injuries and dollar loss than fires that start in all other areas of the home.

Keep your home safe by following a few easy tips:

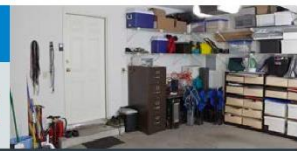
- Store oil, gasoline, paints, propane and varnishes in a shed away from your home.
- Keep items that can burn on shelves away from appliances.
- Plug only one charging appliance into an outlet.
- Don't use an extension cord when charging an appliance.

Garage safety through construction — install:

- A 20-minute fire-rated door that is self-closing and self-latching from the garage into the house.
- A ceiling made with 5/8-inch Type X gypsum board (or the equivalent) if you have living space above the garage.
- A wall with 1/2-inch gypsum board (or the equivalent) if the wall attaches the garage to your home.
- An attic hatch cover if you have attic access from the garage.
- A heat alarm — not a smoke alarm — in your garage. The heat alarm will sound if the temperature rises too high. Learn more about what type of heat alarm is best for garage installation at www.usfa.fema.gov.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.

Evite los incendios en el garaje de la casa



¿Sabía usted?

Los incendios en los garajes suelen propagarse más lejos y causar más lesiones y pérdidas de dinero que los incendios que comienzan en otras áreas de la casa.

Siga los siguientes consejos fáciles para proteger su hogar:

- Guarde el aceite, gasolina, pintura, propano y barniz en una caseta lejos de la casa.
- Mantenga los artículos que pueden quemarse en estantes lejos de los electrodomésticos.
- Enchufe solo un electrodoméstico recargable en cada tomacorriente.
- No use una extensión cuando cargue un electrodoméstico.

Seguridad en el garaje mediante la construcción — instale:

- Una puerta del garaje a la casa con clasificación contra incendios de 20 minutos que se cierre por sí sola con pestillo.
- Un techo de paneles de yeso Tipo X de 5/8 pulgada (o equivalente) si hay un espacio habitable encima del garaje.
- Una pared con paneles de yeso de 1/2 pulgada (o equivalente) si la pared une el garaje a su casa.
- Una puerta en el ático si tiene acceso al ático desde el garaje.
- Un detector de calor — no un detector de humo — en el garaje. El detector de calor se activará si la temperatura sube demasiado. Conozca más sobre el detector de calor ideal que debe instalarse en el garaje en www.usfa.fema.gov.

Para obtener más información y recursos gratis sobre la seguridad contra incendios, visite www.usfa.fema.gov.

#DYK Every year, there are 6,600 garage fires in homes that result in an average of:

- 30 deaths.
- 400 injuries.
- \$457 million in property loss.

Keep these tips in mind as you begin to prep for #Spring cleaning, along with yard and home projects this summer.

Home Improvement Safety

Safety with Oily Rags wet with flammable or combustible liquid



Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes are often used for home improvement projects. It is common to use rags to wipe up spills or clean brushes. But wet rags can ignite on their own. They can start a fire if not handled carefully. The same is true of the liquids themselves.

How can rags start a fire?

The oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air, it builds up. That is why a pile of oily rags can be dangerous. As the rags dry, the heat is trapped. The heat builds up and finally causes a fire. Be aware that this does not happen with water-based finishes.

How can liquids start a fire?

Vapors from flammable and combustible liquids can ignite, causing a fire. There are many commonly used flammable liquids. Gasoline, lacquers, and nail polish are just a few examples. There are many commonly used combustible liquids. Paint thinner, kerosene, and oil-based paints and stains are some examples.

RAGS WET WITH PAINT AND STAIN

- Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. At the end of the day, take the rags outside to dry.
- Hang the rags outside or spread them on the ground. Weigh them down. Do this so they do not blow away. Make sure they are not in a pile. Keep them away from buildings.
- Put dried rags in a metal container. Make sure the cover is tight. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution. This will break down the oils.
- Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place. Keep them out of direct sunlight. Keep them away from other heat sources. Check with your town for information on disposing of them.

LIQUIDS THAT CAN CATCH FIRE

- Flammable and combustible liquids should not be used near an open flame. Do not smoke when working with these liquids.
- If you spill liquids on your clothing, remove your clothing and place it outside to dry. Once dry, clothing can be laundered.
- Keep liquids in their original containers. Keep them tightly capped or sealed. Never store the liquids in glass containers.

GASOLINE

- Use gasoline only as motor fuel. Never use it as a cleaner. Never use it to break down grease. Never bring gasoline indoors, even in small amounts.
- Store gasoline ONLY in a container that is sold for that purpose. Make sure the container is tightly capped when not in use. NEVER store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in an outbuilding, a detached garage, or a shed outdoors.

FACTS

- ! An average of 1,700 home fires per year are caused by instances of spontaneous combustion or chemical reaction
- ! An average of 900 home fires per year are started when oily rags catch fire or are ignited.



**NATIONAL FIRE
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**
The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



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Campfire Safety



Camping season has arrived and that means many nights spent out under the stars with the sights and sounds of a crackling campfire. Keep Smokey Bear's Campfire Safety Checklist in mind when you are out in the campground or even in your own backyard.

More tips can be found here: <https://smokeybear.com/en/prevention-how-tos/campfire-safety>

Shout Outs/Kudos



Fred Schneller has been promoted to the role of Deputy Director as of May 1st. Fred has been with OSFM for the last 10 years, currently serving as Senior Policy Advisory. Previous to his current role, he was the Petroleum and Chemical Safety Division Manager and is retired from the Decatur Fire Department, where he served for 27 years.

I'm taking a brief moment to share with you how valuable Michael Douglas is for the Belleville Licensing Team. His partnership is appreciated. I'm assuming that he may be covering additional assignments as we have for the last two plus years and that's tough, some days more than others. He is a worker and gets the inspections completed as soon as he is able. I thoroughly appreciate his guidance/experience with two cases as of lately. One of our licensed day care centers was struggling with replacing windows that didn't meet the size requirement and another was struggling with subtracting a natural pathway from room to room when we calculate square footage.

It's always nice to have great partnerships.

*Michele Ziolkowski
Day Care Licensing Representative II
DCFS*

YOU ROCK



The OSFM thanks Chief Internal Auditor Marty Paul for his – years of service. Marty is moving on from the OSFM. Thanks, Marty, you will be missed!

Kids' Corner

earth! SMARTS! ♻️

Did you know that a wildfire is any fire that starts outside in grass, brush, shrubs or forests? By checking off everything on this list, you will be helping to protect animals, trees, plants and your home!



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| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | I rake dead leaves, sticks and pine needles off my lawn. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | I make mulch piles to protect our garden, and keep weeds away. (Make sure to keep mulch away from your house. This will help to prevent fire from spreading to the home.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | My garden has Firewise flowers and plants in it. (These are plants and flowers that help keep fire away from homes because they hold more water and grow lower to the ground so flames don't touch them.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | I remove leaves and twigs from under the deck. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | I sweep the deck or porch to get rid of pine needles and leaves. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | I make sure to give plants and shrubs plenty of water. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | I carry all the leaves, sticks, pine needles and everything else I collected, to the curb for trash pick up. (Have a grown-up help you with this, it can be heavy.) |

If you answered, "yes" to all these questions, good for you. Keep up the good work!
If you answered "no" to any of them, try to start doing them today.

The planet will thank you for it.



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